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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-15 are pending. Claims 4, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 12-15 stand rejected. Claims 1-3, 6, 8 and 11 are allowed. Claims 1-15 have been amended. No new material is introduced herein.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's finding that claims 1-3, 6, 8 and 11 have been allowed. Claims 1-3, 6 and 11 have been amended to clarify the language. No new material is introduced herein.

Claims 4, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 12-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, these claims included phrases with unclear meanings and phrases with no antecedent basis. Claims 4, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 12-15 have been appropriately amended. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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